

From: "Iverson, Dena (PAO)" <(b)(6)>

To: "Jerry Dunleavy" (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hunter Biden Laptop Emails

Date: Fri, 18 Mar 2022 18:23:31 -0000

Importance: Normal

Hi Jerry,

The department declines to comment.

Dena

Dena Iverson
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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From: Jerry Dunleavy (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 1:27 PM

To: Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hunter Biden Laptop Emails

Hey Dena,

White House press secretary Jen Psaki was asked twice yesterday about her previous comments that stories about Hunter Biden's laptop emails were Russian disinformation, and she twice directed reporters to the Justice Department.

Does the Justice Department have a comment on this?

Does the Justice Department believe the Hunter Biden laptop story and the Hunter Biden laptop emails were Russian disinformation? What about part of a Russian information operation? Does the Justice Department believe Russia or any foreign countries were involved at all?

Many thanks!

JD

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Jerry Dunleavy
Washington Examiner

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From: "Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)" <(b)(6)>

To: "Iverson, Dena (PAO)" <(b)(6)>, "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hunter Biden Laptop Emails

Date: Fri, 18 Mar 2022 17:56:20 -0000

Importance: Normal

OK thanks

From: Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 1:53 PM

To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <(b)(6)> Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Hunter Biden Laptop Emails

FYI I will decline to comment this.

Dena Iverson

Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs

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From: Jerry Dunleavy <(b)(6)>

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 1:27 PM

To: Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hunter Biden Laptop Emails

Duplicative Material

From: "Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep)" (b)(6)
To: "Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)" <(b)(6)>
Cc: "Downey, Brian (HSGAC)" (b)(6), "CEG (Judiciary-Rep)" (b)(6), "Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC)" (b)(6), "Calce, Christina M. (OLA)" <(b)(6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Date: Tue, 15 Mar 2022 22:30:41 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 2022.02.02-OUT-Grassley-Response_final.pdf

Thanks. Yes, I saw that. It's not an answer, though. DOJ told a fed court FISA info exists on Patrick Ho but didn't say the same to Congress.

On Mar 15, 2022, at 6:19 PM, Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)> wrote:

Hi Josh,

The Department answered the Senators' November 15 letter in the attached letter on page 2. Sorry if that wasn't clear.

Joe

From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Downey, Brian (HSGAC) (b)(6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Joe, will the Department clarify whether it possesses FISA material relating to Patrick Ho, an associate of Hunter Biden? DOJ informed a federal court that it does possess that material but has not said the same to Congress. Thank you.

From: Downey, Brian (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:21 PM
To: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)
Importance: High

Hi Joe, another two-months have gone by without any update from the department. Where is DOJ in responding the Nov. 15, 2021 letter regarding the extensive relationships between and among Hunter Biden and individuals connected to the communist Chinese regime? Please let us know. Thank you.

From: Downey, Brian (HSGAC)
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)
Importance: High

Hi Joe,

Any update on the November 15 letter regarding the extensive relationships between and among Hunter Biden and individuals connected to the communist Chinese regime? The November 15 letter is a follow-up to our March 31, 2021, letter, which requested "all intelligence records, including but not limited to, all Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act-derived information" relating to Patrick Ho and other individuals, including Gongwen Dong.

Please let us know. Thank you.

From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 5:30 PM
To: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Downey, Brian (HSGAC) (b)(6); Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Joe, any update here? Due date was November 22. Thanks.

From: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 6:05 PM
To: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Downey, Brian (HSGAC) (b)(6); Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Confirmed.

From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Downey, Brian (HSGAC) (b)(6); Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Joe, please see the attached letter from Sens. Grassley and Johnson and confirm receipt. Thank you.

Josh



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

The Department of Justice (Department) is pleased to provide you with an update regarding the Department's responsiveness to your requests since January 20, 2021 and to address five additional letters.

During the Attorney General's confirmation hearing, you provided a binder containing 22 letters sent between February 15, 2017, and February 3, 2021, and asked that the Department ensure that each letter had been responded to. By April 30, 2021, the Department had done so. With respect to written correspondence sent during the current Administration, since January 20, 2021, you have written or joined approximately fifty letters to the Department, representing about one third of all letters the Department received from Members of the United States Senate. To date, the Department has responded to at least 35 of these letters, either via a written response or by providing a briefing or other outreach. More than half of the remaining pending letters were received since November 2021, and the Department is continuing our efforts to respond to these inquiries. Overall, during the last year, the Department has provided your staff with more than 18 briefings on matters ranging from cybersecurity to bankruptcy in response to requests from your office.

Today, we respond to five of your pending letters, each of which concerns matters about which you have previously written and to which we have previously responded. Specifically, this letter responds to letters dated July 28, 2021, regarding the response to COVID-19 in certain nursing facilities; October 22, 2021, regarding the National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism; November 10, 2021, regarding the employment of two Department officials; November 15, 2021, seeking certain FISA-related information; and dated July 14, 2021, regarding phone records from Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. As always, our responses today are intended to ensure that you have the best information available, consistent with longstanding Department practice and policy.

On July 28, 2021, you wrote to the Department regarding the response to COVID-19 in certain nursing facilities. Your inquiry followed your March 12, 2021 letter on this same issue, to which the Department responded on July 23, 2021. Longstanding Department policy precludes us from commenting on prosecutorial decisions or on ongoing investigations.¹

On November 15, 2021, you wrote to the Department inquiring about records concerning certain foreign nationals. Your letter followed your March 31, 2021 letter on this same matter, to which the Department responded on July 12, 2021. Your November 15 letter suggests the Department's July response is inconsistent with a February 2018 Notice filed by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York in a criminal proceeding. We appreciate the opportunity to clarify the intent behind our prior response and to address your concern. The Department's July 12 letter to you states that "under the circumstances described in your letter, we are not in a position to confirm the existence of the information that is sought (if it exists in the Department's possession)." The letter makes no affirmative representations about any documents and was intended to make clear that it would be inappropriate for the Department to confirm or to deny the existence of the information you sought in these circumstances.

On October 22, 2021, you wrote to the Department about the National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism, the 2016 attack on Dallas police officers, and the relationship between firearms and violent crime. This letter is substantially similar to a letter you sent on July 12, 2021, to which the Department responded on October 19, 2021. Countering domestic terrorism is a top Department priority, and the Department has been pleased to provide testimony before the Committee on this critically important topic over the last year, including the appearance of FBI Director Wray on March 2, 2021, the Attorney General's October oversight hearing, and, most recently, providing two witnesses to testify before the Committee on January 11, 2022. In addition, the Department and FBI have provided your staff with at least three briefings on Domestic Terrorism-related matters since January 12, 2021.

On November 10, 2021, you wrote to the Department about your perception of issues related to the prior employment of two department officials. This letter followed three earlier letters dated February 3, 2021, March 9, 2021, and June 29, 2021, to which the Department responded on February 19, 2021, March 22, 2021, and July 13, 2021, respectively. As the Department noted in each response, Department of Justice appointees receive ethics and professional responsibility training as appropriate for incoming attorneys, sign a pledge to maintain public trust in government, and are subject to the Department's scrupulous ethics and recusal protocols. While the Department appreciates your inquiries, consistent with its policies, it will not be able to provide any further information regarding the employment or any specific recusals of these officials.

Finally, your July 14, 2021 letter asks about certain phone records and devices relating to Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. This letter followed September 11, 2020 letters from you to then-Attorney General Barr and from Senator Johnson to the Justice Department Office of the Inspector General (OIG) on this matter. On May 11, 2021, the OIG responded to Senator

¹ See Letter from Assistant Attorney General Robert Raben, Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice, to the Honorable John Linder, Chairman, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, Committee on Rules, U.S. House of Representatives (Jan. 27, 2000).

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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Johnson's inquiry detailing their efforts to collect information about the devices about which you inquired and describing the results of their review. The Department provided you with a copy of this response on May 18, 2021. Your July 14, 2021 letter asks about the Inventory and Property Transfer documentation, among other questions. Today we are enclosing documents that we understand to be responsive to this request. The Department respectfully refers you to the OIG for any remaining questions about its investigation.

We appreciate your continued support of the Department, and we hope this information is helpful. While we are unable to provide anything further on the topics discussed above, please do not hesitate to contact us on other matters where we may be able to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Peter S. Hyun
Acting Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

From: "Calce, Christina M. (OLA)" <(b)(6)>

To: "Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)" <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Date: Tue, 15 Mar 2022 21:32:06 +0000

Importance: Normal

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Sorry, I thought this was the Brian Downey email, not one from JFB.

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And you should feel free to re-send this letter. (It went to Josh in the first instance, but never hurts to remind him that he already has his answer here.)

From: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:27 PM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

But (b)(5) ?

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

I might say (b)(5)

From: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:22 PM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Le sigh. (b)(5) ? Shall I just respond saying we (b)(5)

From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Downey, Brian (HSGAC) (b)(6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2021-11-15 CEG RHJ to DOJ (Biden China Follow Up)

Duplicative Material

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 31, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Avril Haines
Director of National Intelligence

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
Department of Justice

Dear Director Haines and Attorney General Garland:

As you know, we have been reviewing financial transactions and connections between and among members of the Biden family and foreign nationals connected to the communist Chinese government, including its military and intelligence services.¹ In particular, Hunter Biden had a close and personal relationship with Ye Jianming, who reportedly had links to the communist regime's People's Liberation Army.² According to an October 2017 text message, Hunter Biden spoke to Ye on a "regular basis," was the "first guest in his new apartment," "[Ye] cooked [Hunter Biden] lunch himself and [they] ate in the kitchen together," they had a "standing once a week call," and he helped Ye "on a number of his personal issues (staff visas and some more sensitive things)."³ In addition, Hunter Biden had a close association with Gongwen Dong and Chi Ping "Patrick" Ho, who were also business associates of Ye's.

In December 2017, Patrick Ho was charged and in December 2018 was convicted of international bribery and money laundering offenses stemming from his work for Ye's China Energy Fund Committee, a subsidiary of Ye's CEFC China Energy, a company with extensive links to the communist regime.⁴ After his arrest, his first call was reportedly to James Biden,

¹ S. Rep., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. and S. Comm. on Fin. (2020).

² Ye Jianming is a Chinese national, chairman of CEFC China Energy, a company linked to the communist regime, and a frequent figure in Hunter Biden's financial dealings in China. Based on public reports that were available in 2015, when his contact with Hunter Biden began to ramp up, Ye was a founder of CEFC and chairman of the board for its subsidiary, the China Energy Fund Committee. Although CEFC reportedly remained a private company until state-owned enterprises assumed control of it in 2018, reporting in 2017 indicated that it received financing from the China Development Bank, "hired a number of former top officials from state-owned energy companies," and had "layers of Communist Party committees across its subsidiaries — more than at many private Chinese companies." Our recent report also showed that Ye had connections not just to the communist party in China, but also China's People's Liberation Army, the armed forces of the Chinese communist party. S. Rep., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. and S. Comm. on Fin. (2020).

³ S. Supplemental Rep., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. and S. Comm. on Fin. at 24 (2020).
<https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2020-11-18%20HSGAC%20-%20Finance%20Joint%20Report%20Supplemental.pdf>

⁴ Andrew C. McCarthy, *A Collusion Tale: China and the Bidens*, National Review (Oct. 31, 2020), <https://www.nationalreview.com/2020/10/a-collusion-tale-the-bidens-and-china/>; Press Release, U.S. Attn'y Geoffrey S. Berman, Patrick Ho, Former Head Of Organization Backed By Chinese Energy Conglomerate, Convicted Of International Bribery, Money Laundering Offenses, (Dec. 5, 2018), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/patrick-ho-former-head-organization-backed-chinese-energy-conglomerate-convicted>.

President Biden's brother.⁵ Hunter Biden reportedly represented Patrick Ho for a period of time and received at least \$1 million in payment.⁶ According to recent reporting and a federal government filing, the federal government obtained at least one Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrant relating to Patrick Ho, indicating his potential counterintelligence threat to the United States.⁷ Indeed, Hunter Biden was well aware of Patrick Ho's links to the communist Chinese government, specifically its intelligence services. According to records reportedly released from Hunter Biden's laptop, Hunter Biden allegedly said the following:

I have another New York Times reporter calling about my representation of Patrick Ho – the f***ing spy chief of China who started the company that my partner, who is worth \$323 billion, founded and is now missing.⁸

Moreover, news reports made publicly available a September 21, 2017, email from Hunter Biden to an office manager that asked for keys to be made available to then-former Vice President Biden, James Biden, and "Gongwen Dong (Chairman Ye CEFC emissary)" and referred to them as "office mates."⁹ Hunter Biden also requested that the office sign reflect "The Biden Foundation" and "Hudson West (CEFC US)."¹⁰ If accurate, the sharing of office space with Chinese nationals and entities linked to the communist regime and its military demands additional explanation.

It's imperative that Congress better understand the relationship Ye Jianming, Gongwen Dong, and Patrick Ho had between and among themselves, with the communist Chinese government, CEFC China Energy, and their activities in the United States, including those relating to the Biden family. Accordingly, please produce all intelligence records, including but not limited to, all FISA-derived information relating to these three individuals no later than April 14, 2021.

Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committees. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the Committees, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committees comply with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, they are not bound, absent their prior agreement, by any handling restrictions.

⁵ Alexandra Stevenson, David Barboza, Matthew Goldstein, and Paul Mozur, *A Chinese Tycoon Sought Power and Influence. Washington Responded.*, The New York Times (Dec. 12, 2018), <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/12/business/cefc-biden-china-washington-ye-jianming.html>.

⁶ S. Rep., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. and S. Comm. on Fin., 116th Cong., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns at 79 (2020).

⁷ Chuck Ross, *Feds Obtained FISA Warrant Against Hunter Biden's Chinese Business Associate, Documents Show*, Daily Caller (Oct. 27, 2020), <https://dailycaller.com/2020/10/27/hunter-biden-patrick-ho-cefc-fara/>; <https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530.45.0.pdf>.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Brooke Singman and Adam Shaw, *Hunter Biden request keys for new 'office mates' Joe Biden, Chinese 'emissary' to CEFC chairman, emails show*, FoxNews (Dec. 12, 2020), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/hunter-biden-requested-keys-new-office-mates-joe-biden-chinese-emissary-cefc-chairman>.

¹⁰ *Id.*

Should you have questions, please contact Joshua Flynn-Brown of Senator Grassley's Committee staff at 202-224-5225 and Brian Downey and Scott Wittmann of Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at 202-224-3721. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary



Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 15, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
Department of Justice

Dear Attorney General Garland:

Today, we write to you about a potentially false statement that your Department provided to us on July 12, 2021. By way of background, on March 31, 2021, we wrote to you with respect to financial transactions and connections between and among members of the Biden family and foreign nationals connected to the communist Chinese government, including its military and intelligence services.¹ In particular, our letter noted that Hunter Biden had a close association with Chi-Ping “Patrick” Ho, who is associated with the communist Chinese government and its intelligence services.² As you are aware, in December 2017, Patrick Ho was charged and in December 2018 was convicted of international bribery and money laundering offenses stemming from his work for China Energy Fund Committee (CEFC), a subsidiary of CEFC China Energy and a company with extensive links to the communist regime.³ After his arrest, Ho’s first call was reportedly to James Biden, President Biden’s brother.⁴ Hunter Biden reportedly represented Patrick Ho for a period of time and received at least \$1 million in payment.⁵

¹ Press Release, Grassley, Johnson Seek Intel Records Related to Hunter Biden’s Foreign Financial Activities, (March 31, 2021) <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-johnson-seek-intel-records-related-to-hunter-bidens-foreign-financial-activities>; *see also*, S. Rep., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. and S. Comm. on Fin. (2020).



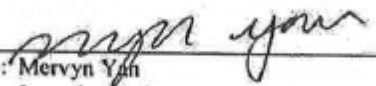
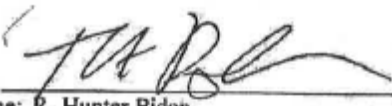
² Chuck Ross, *Feds Obtained FISA Warrant Against Hunter Biden’s Chinese Business Associate, Documents Show*, Daily Caller (Oct. 27, 2020), <https://dailycaller.com/2020/10/27/hunter-biden-patrick-ho-cefc-fara/>; <https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530.45.0.pdf>.

³ Andrew C. McCarthy, *A Collusion Tale: China and the Bidens*, National Review (Oct. 31, 2020), <https://www.nationalreview.com/2020/10/a-collusion-tale-the-bidens-and-china/>; Press Release, U.S. Attn’y Geoffrey S. Berman, Patrick Ho, Former Head Of Organization Backed By Chinese Energy Conglomerate, Convicted Of International Bribery, Money Laundering Offenses, (Dec. 5, 2018), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/patrick-ho-former-head-organization-backed-chinese-energy-conglomerate-convicted>.

⁴ Alexandra Stevenson, David Barboza, Matthew Goldstein, and Paul Mozur, *A Chinese Tycoon Sought Power and Influence. Washington Responded.*, The New York Times (Dec. 12, 2018), <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/12/business/cefc-biden-china-washington-ye-jianming.html>.

⁵ S. Rep., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. and S. Comm. on Fin., 116th Cong., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns at 79 (2020).

Our March 31, 2021, letter also mentioned an individual named Gongwen Dong, who is connected to the communist Chinese government.⁶ Hunter Biden had a close business and financial relationship with him. As one example of their relationship, we've attached a document which shows the direct financial and business relationship between Hunter Biden and Gongwen Dong. This document illustrates an assignment and assumption of business interests with respect to Hunter Biden's companies, Hudson West III and Owasco, and Gongwen Dong's company, Hudson West V, which was memorialized in writing:

COMPANY: HUDSON WEST III LLC By:  Name: R. Hunter Biden Title: Manager
ASSIGNOR: HUDSON WEST V LLC By:  Name: Dong Gongwen Title: Its authorized representative
ASSIGNEE: COLDHARBOUR CAPITAL LLC By:  Name: Mervyn Yan Title: Its authorized representative
OWSACO: OWASCO PC By:  Name: R. Hunter Biden Title: Its authorized representative

⁶ S. Rep., Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. and S. Comm. on Fin. (2020).

Based on the extensive relationships between and among Hunter Biden and individuals connected to the communist Chinese regime, our letter requested “all intelligence records, including but not limited to, all Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act-derived information” relating to Patrick Ho and other individuals, including Gongwen Dong.⁷ Our request was based, in part, on reporting and a federal court filing by the Department that said it had obtained at least one Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrant relating to Patrick Ho, indicating his potential counterintelligence threat to the United States. That February 2018 federal court filing was titled, “Notice Of Intent To Use Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Information.” The filing by the Department stated, in part:

[T]he United States intends to offer into evidence, or otherwise use or disclose in any proceedings in the above-captioned matter, information obtained or derived from electronic surveillance and physical search conducted pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.⁸

Despite this sworn acknowledgement by the Department you oversee, your July 12, 2021, response to our letter denied knowing whether the Department even possessed the information stating, in part:

Unfortunately, under the circumstances described in your letter, we are not in a position to confirm the existence of the information that is sought (**if it exists in the Department’s possession**).⁹

Both statements cannot be true. Either the statement in your July 12, 2021, letter is true – that the Department is unaware of whether it possesses the relevant material – or the Department’s February 8, 2018, statement to federal court that the Department is aware of the fact that it possesses the relevant material is true. Therefore, one statement is false.

⁷ According to records reportedly released from Hunter Biden’s laptop, Hunter Biden allegedly said the following: I have another New York Times reporter calling about my representation of Patrick Ho – the f***ing spy chief of China who started the company that my partner, who is worth \$323 billion, founded and is now missing. Chuck Ross, *Feds Obtained FISA Warrant Against Hunter Biden’s Chinese Business Associate, Documents Show*, Daily Caller (Oct. 27, 2020), <https://dailycaller.com/2020/10/27/hunter-biden-patrick-ho-cefc-fara/>; Notice of Intent to Use Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, Feb. 8, 2018 (dkt. no. 45).
<https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530.45.0.pdf>.

⁸ Notice of Intent to Use Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, Feb. 8, 2018 (dkt. no. 45).
<https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530/gov.uscourts.nysd.485530.45.0.pdf>.

⁹ Letter from Joe Gaeta, Deputy Assistance Attorney General, U.S. Dep’t of Justice to Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on the Judiciary, & Sen. Ron Johnson, Ranking Member, Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations (Jul. 12, 2021). Emphasis added.

Accordingly, no later than November 22, 2021, we request that you either amend your July 12, 2021, letter to correct the inaccurate statement or confirm in writing that the Department's February 8, 2018, court filing stating that the Department possesses FISA-related information on Patrick Ho was an inaccurate statement to federal court.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary



Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF MEMBERSHIP INTEREST

This Assignment and Assumption of Membership Interest ("Assignment and Assumption Agreement"), dated as of the 31 day of March 2018, is made by and among Hudson West III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), Hudson West V LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Assignor"), Coldharbour Capital LLC, a New York limited liability company ("Assignee"), and OWASCO PC, a District of Columbia professional corporation ("Owasco") and collectively with the Company, Assignor and Assignee, the "Parties" and each individually, a "Party").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Assignor and Owasco are the sole members of the Company, which is governed by that certain Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement, dated August 2, 2017 (the "LLC Agreement"); capitalized terms used but not defined in this Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Assignor desires to assign to Assignee Assignor's entire fifty percent (50%) membership interest in the Company (the "Membership Interest"), Assignee desires to acquire the Membership Interest, and Owasco desires to provide its consent to such assignment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration thereof, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Assignor hereby unconditionally assigns, sells, transfers, conveys and sets over to Assignee all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Membership Interest, including without limitation, all of Assignor's interest in the capital and profits and losses of the Company and all of Assignor's rights to receive distributions of money, profits and other assets from the Company. Assignor hereby represents and warrants to the other Parties that: (i) Assignor owns the Membership Interest free and clear of any and all liens, claims and encumbrances; (ii) Assignor has the full right to convey the Membership Interest without the consent or approval of any party other than Owasco; (iii) this Assignment and Assumption Agreement is the valid and binding obligation of Assignor; and (iv) the individual executing this Assignment and Assumption Agreement on behalf of Assignor has full authority to execute such an agreement on behalf of Assignor. Assignor hereby indemnifies, defends and holds each other Party harmless from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees suffered by such Party as a result of the foregoing representations and warranties not being true and correct.
2. Assignee hereby represents and warrants to the other Parties that (i) this Assignment and Assumption Agreement is the valid and binding obligation of Assignee; (ii) the individual executing this Assignment and Assumption Agreement on behalf of Assignee has full authority to execute such agreement on behalf of Assignee and neither such individual nor the Assignee has any

affiliation with CEFC China Energy Company Limited; (iii) Assignee is acquiring the securities represented by the Membership Interest for its own account, solely for investment purposes, and not with a view to resale of said securities; (iv) Assignee has such knowledge and experience in business and financial matters which enables it to be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of this investment; (v) Assignee is able to bear the economic risks of this investment; (vi) Assignee has been provided with access to all information which it deems material to formulating an investment decision and that such information has been sufficient to make an informed decision. Assignee hereby indemnifies, defends and holds each other Party harmless from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees suffered by such Party as a result of the foregoing representations and warranties not being true and correct.

3. Each of Owasco and Assignor (each a "Releasing Party") for and on behalf of themselves and their current, former and future officers, directors, shareholders, owners, creditors, agents, representatives, contractors, subcontractors, employees, parents, partners, members, managers, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, employees, representatives, predecessors, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and principals, hereby (i) fully and irrevocably releases and forever discharges the other Releasing Party and, in the case of Assignor as the Releasing Party, the other Releasing Party and the Company (the "Released Parties"), and the Released Parties' current and/or former agents, representatives, parents, partners, heirs, executors, employees, affiliates, administrators, successors and assignees, from any and all claims, counterclaims, causes of actions, suits, debts, controversies, damages, judgments, executions, claims, demands and liabilities, of whatever kind and nature, fixed or contingent, known or unknown, arising at law or in equity, which they ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have for, upon or by reason of any matters, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of time to and including the date hereof relating to the Company, and (ii) covenants and agrees not to sue, prosecute or cause to be commenced or prosecuted any suit, activity, claim or other procedure based on the foregoing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to release the Parties from any claim relating to the representations, warranties and indemnities set forth in this Assignment and Assumption Agreement.
4. Assignee hereby accepts the assignment of the Membership Interest and hereby expressly assumes all of Assignor's obligations under the LLC Agreement relative to the Membership Interest arising on or after the date hereof.
5. The Parties acknowledge that the assignment of the Membership Interest is contemplated by Section 9.1 of the LLC Agreement, and Owasco hereby approves such assignment as the other member of the Company, such that no further action will be required to effect this assignment after its execution by the Parties.

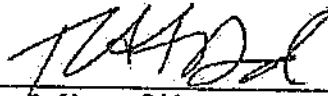
6. The closing of the transactions contemplated by this Assignment and Assumption Agreement are conditioned upon (i) the simultaneous execution by the Company, Owasco and Assignee of a Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company; (ii) the simultaneous delivery of \$259,845 via wire transfer from the Company to the Assignor in accordance with wire instructions provided by Assignor to the Company; (iii) the simultaneous delivery to the Company of all banking records of the Company in the possession or control of Assignor; and (iv) the prompt provision of all necessary banking authorizations to Owasco and R. Hunter Biden as contemplated in this Assignment and Assumption Agreement and the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company.
7. Effective as of the date hereof, (i) Assignor shall, and does hereby withdraw as a member of the Company; (ii) the Hudson Managers are hereby removed from the Company's Board of Managers; and the Company's CEO and CFO are removed as officers of the Company.
8. Assignor shall promptly execute and deliver to the Parties any additional instrument or other document which a Party reasonably requests to evidence or better effect the assignment contained herein.
9. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.
10. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the respective parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.
11. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Assignment and Assumption Agreement as of the date first above written.


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HUDSON WEST III LLC

By: 
Name: R. Hunter Biden
Title: Manager

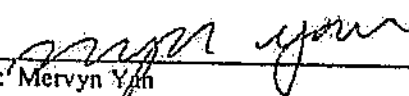
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HUDSON WEST V LLC

By: 
Name: Dong Gongwen
Title: Its authorized representative

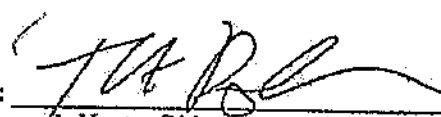
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COLDHARBOUR CAPITAL LLC

By: 
Name: Mervyn Yan
Title: Its authorized representative

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OWASCO PC

By: 
Name: R. Hunter Biden
Title: Its authorized representative

From: Katie Benner (b)(6)

To: "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" <(b)(6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hunter Biden story questions

Date: Mon, 14 Mar 2022 15:23:13 -0400

Importance: Normal

Hi Anthony,

I'm working on a story on the Hunter Biden investigation, essentially a status update on the case. I wanted to run the following fact checks and queries by you. I'm aiming to pub tomorrow, but the deadline is not firm, given that we have some final reporting threads to wrap up.

Thank you so much,
Katie

1. We understand that Hunter Biden has told people that he paid the US govt about \$2 million to resolve his outstanding federal income tax liability. Is that correct? Does this settle his outstanding civil tax matter?
2. We understand that Hunter is still being investigated for three possible criminal charges: a criminal tax offense, a FARA offense, and money laundering.
 - The criminal tax case would be greatly weakened if he paid off his tax bill, given that juries rarely criminally convict tax cheats who have paid their bills.
 - If prosecutors can't show intent, the FARA piece of the investigation could be treated as a civil, rather than a criminal matter.
 - A money laundering offense cannot be charged without a predicate crime, like criminal FARA. The prosecutors' inability to prove criminal FARA could impede a money laundering charge.
3. Federal prosecutors are looking at whether Blue Star, a consulting company that Hunter introduced to Burisma, violated the law by repping the Ukrainian energy company without registering under FARA.
 - Prosecutors are inspecting whether Hunter was also involved in Blue Star's lobbying work.
4. History of the case in short: The Tax Division and the IRS began inspecting his tax issues under AG Lynch. Based on evidence in that inquiry, a criminal money laundering case was opened in the US Attorney's office in Delaware under AG Sessions. Given that there was little thought at the time that Joe Biden would run for president, the case did not involve Public Integrity. But the FARA and money laundering issues meant that NSD and the Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section have been involved in the case.
5. When is the last time prosecutors have reached out to Hunter's team?

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Katie Benner

@ktbenner

Check out my recent stories [here](#)

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To: "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" <(b)(6)>
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Ronn Blitzer - Fox News

Date: Thu, 17 Feb 2022 22:07:40 +0000

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Will run this down as well.

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>> Date Thursday, February 17, 2022 - 10:04am EST

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>> Name: Ronn Blitzer

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>> Email Address: (b)(6)

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>> Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

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>> Media Outlet: Fox News

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>> Deadline: 2/17/22 11:00am ET

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>> Inquiry:

>> Re: Letter from Sen. Hawley

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>> Hello,

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>> Sen. Josh Hawley sent a letter to Attorney General Garland asking him to have any Justice Department employees associated with the Clinton campaign to recuse themselves "from any involvement in the Durham investigation." Hawley claimed that a recent filing from Special Counsel Durham detailed potentially criminal activity committed by the Clinton campaign and its associates related to the collection of internet data pertaining to Donald Trump. He also asked if the DOJ has any open investigations into Hunter Biden.

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>> Does the Justice Department have any comment on Hawley's letter?

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>> Thank you very much.

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To: "Hyun, Peter (OLA)" <(b)(6)>, "Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)" <(b)(6)>, "Antell, Kira M. (OLA)" <(b)(6)>, "Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA)" <(b)(6)>, "Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)" <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Grassley Statement at Hearing on Nominations and Legislation to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Support Survivors

Date: Fri, 11 Feb 2022 15:03:00 -0000

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From: Hyun, Peter (OLA) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 10:01 AM

To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>, Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b)(6)>, Antell, Kira M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>, Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA) <(b)(6)>, Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: Grassley Statement at Hearing on Nominations and Legislation to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Support Survivors

Peter S. Hyun

Acting Assistant Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Legislative Affairs

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From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 10:00 AM

To: Hyun, Peter (OLA) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Creegan, Erin (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Grassley Statement at Hearing on Nominations and Legislation to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Support Survivors

Hi Peter, hope all is well. We wanted to make sure that you saw the highlighted portion below. Happy to discuss.

Josh

From: Grassley Judiciary Press <RM_Grassley@public.govdelivery.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:00 AM

To: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)

Subject: Grassley Statement at Hearing on Nominations and Legislation to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Support Survivors

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 10, 2022

**Prepared Statement by U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
Executive Business Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022**

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We have four judicial nominees up today: Andre Mathis, Jessica Clarke, Hector Gonzalez and Fred Slaughter. We'll also be voting on Andrew Fois to be the chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States. We can voice vote on two U.S. Attorney nominees and two U.S. Marshal nominees.

I plan to support Judge Slaughter's nomination.

I'd like to say a few words about why I'll be opposing Mr. Mathis's nomination to the Sixth Circuit. The Tennessee senators worked to find a nominee who they could support. They put forward Judge Camille McMullen, a state court appellate judge, who had been appointed by a Democratic governor.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration refused to work with them. Voting to move Mr. Mathis's nomination would condone the Biden administration's process here.

That process caused the White House to miss out on valuable feedback from the Tennessee senators who know the legal community in their state.

When I was chairman, I made sure the White House had meaningful consultations with members before moving forward.

The senators have valid concerns about Mr. Mathis's lack of federal appellate experience and his lack of attention to detail.

He made an unusually high number of mistakes in failing to follow the Sixth Circuit's rules. Some of those mistakes might be small. But the people of Tennessee aren't going to see it as a little thing if details get missed in deciding their cases.

Some have also suggested Mr. Mathis may be a moderate on the bench. But he is a fairly junior attorney with a short record. He hasn't worked on cases involving major constitutional issues. Unlike the candidate proposed by the Tennessee senators, he has no body of judicial opinions to review.

One thing we can look at as evidence of his judicial philosophy is the article he wrote in law school. In it, he advocated for federal courts to adopt a new standard for habeas

cases.

As Senator Hawley explained at his hearing, that theory of habeas review is radically outside of the mainstream. So his scholarship doesn't support the claim that he would be a moderate.

Because of these concerns, I'll be voting no.

Turning to the bills that are on the agenda today: I'm a proud cosponsor of the EARN It Act. This bill takes an important step in holding online service providers accountable for the horrific spread of child sexual abuse materials.

I've long been a supporter of victims' rights and have fought for efforts that stop the spread of child sexual abuse material. In 2018, I cosponsored the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act, commonly known as "SESTA," which is designed to hold website operators accountable when they knowingly facilitate sex trafficking.

After news reports emerged of sexual abuse of young amateur athletes in 2017, the Senate Judiciary Committee, during my chairmanship, convened a hearing on this subject. I later worked with my colleagues on bipartisan legislation that would make it mandatory for instructors, coaches and others who work with young athletes to report cases of child sexual abuse to the authorities.

I led our committee in reporting this bill, known as the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act, to the full Senate, and it was later enacted. It's important to find ways to stop the spread of exploitative and sexual material, and this legislation does just that.

This commonsense bill received unanimous bipartisan support in the Judiciary Committee last Congress, and it's time we get it on the books to prevent future child exploitation online.

The Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex Abuse Victims Act of 2021 will also be considered today.

This bill would enable survivors who were victims of over a dozen federal child sex abuse offenses to seek civil damages in federal court – no matter how long it has taken the survivor to process and disclose the abuse he or she suffered.

Delayed disclosure has historically impacted survivor's path to justice. We can't deter children in any way from speaking out against their abusers.

We know from the Larry Nassar case and many other tragic examples that it can take years for survivors to muster up the courage to come forward. This bill sends a clear message to the victims of these horrendous crimes: We see you, we hear you, and we support you.

I'd also like to discuss another example of the Justice Department's failure to respond to this committee's oversight requests.

On February 3 last week, the Justice Department purported to respond to five of my oversight letters in a single letter.

The department also noted that since January 20, 2021, I have "written or joined approximately 50 letters to the department, representing about one third of all letters the

department received from Members of the United States Senate.”

I’m not sure Attorney General Garland said that as a compliment.

In that letter, the department noted that I provided a binder of unanswered letters to Attorney General Garland during his confirmation.

The department noted that it responded to those letters.

The department is dead wrong.

My staff made clear to the department last year that its so-called responses include:

1. Non-responsive letters that I’ve had for years. The department essentially reissued the same letters.
2. New response letters that failed to fully answer the questions posed. You can put words on a piece of paper. That doesn’t mean it’s responsive.
3. The department failed to provide a single page of responsive records.

As to the five letters the department said it responded to, they failed there as well.

As part of my and Senator Johnson’s ongoing investigation into the Biden family’s foreign business deals, we asked for FISA information on Patrick Ho.

Patrick Ho was connected to the Chinese government’s intelligence services. Hunter Biden reportedly represented him for one million dollars.

The department confirmed in federal court that it has FISA information on Patrick Ho. But the department wrote a letter to me and Senator Johnson saying that it couldn’t confirm the same.

The department again refused to explain why the Attorney General won’t say whether Nicholas McQuaid is recused from the Hunter Biden criminal case. Yet the department has publicly confirmed that other employees are not involved in other criminal cases.

The department again refused to fully answer my and Senator Johnson’s letters about the Mueller team wiping their government phones of data. However, after pulling teeth to get documents from the department, it provided records to me.

Unfortunately, those records were filled with improper FOIA redactions. And they didn’t include the necessary spreadsheets.

I also want to know if career employees were consulted when the Biden administration set its weak crime policy. Because if they weren’t, then it would indicate political considerations infected the process. No answer.

As to my letter on COVID-19 and nursing home investigations, the department is hiding behind its policy that it doesn’t comment on ongoing investigations.

As we all know, the department can speak to ongoing investigations if they’re in the public interest.

So, the Biden Justice Department has essentially taken the position that COVID-19 and nursing home deaths aren’t in the public interest.

Simply put, the department's conduct is a complete embarrassment.

Their conduct is a slap in the face to this committee.

Chairman Durbin, I'll say it again: This committee must assert its constitutional oversight authority on the Justice Department.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Houston Keene - Fox News

Date Friday, February 4, 2022 - 10:12am EST

Name: Houston Keene

Email Address: (b)(6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Fox News

Deadline: 11:15 AM EST

Inquiry:

Regarding GOP lawmakers' calls for investigation into Hunter Biden's business dealings in China and calls for the appointment of a special counsel.

We're publishing a story regarding GOP calls to investigate Hunter Biden's business dealings in China through his private equity fund. Senator Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee called for Attorney General Merrick Garland to appoint a special counsel to investigate.

Does AG Garland support appointing a special counsel to investigate Hunter Biden's business dealings in China? If not, why? Does he support an investigation in general?

My deadline is this morning, so I'd need a quote back by 11 AM EST.

Thanks!

Houston

From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Mark Tapscott - The Epoch Times

Date: Thu, 3 Feb 2022 16:26:59 +0000

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Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 9:33 AM

To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Mark Tapscott - The Epoch Times

Date Thursday, February 3, 2022 - 9:33am EST

Name: Mark Tapscott

Email Address: (b)(6)

Topic: Chief Information Officer

Media Outlet: The Epoch Times

Deadline: 3 pm today

Inquiry:

Is there a response from the Attorney General or a department spokesman to Sen. Grassley's floor speech yesterday concerning:

1. Does DOJ possess FISA information regarding Patrick Ho and why hasn't it been provided to the senator as he requested sometime ago?
2. Is Nicholas McQuaide recused from the Hunter Biden investigation?
3. Is Susan Hennessey recused from the Durham investigation?

From: Callie Patteson (b)(6)

To: (b)(6) Anthony Coley Press@usdoj.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inquiry - Hunter Biden 2019 subpoena

Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2022 08:52:02 -0500

Importance: Normal

Good morning Anthony,

I wanted to reach out regarding this report we published last night regarding Hunter Biden.

<https://nypost.com/2022/01/30/hunter-biden-and-associates-received-2019-subpoena-over-business-deals-in-china/>

Per the report a grand jury subpoena was issued in May 2019 for his bank transactions involving the Bank of China.

Can the Department confirm the subpoena was issued in May 2019 by US Attorney David Weiss?

Is the subpoena related to the ongoing investigation into Hunter Biden?

Does the Department have any further comment on the report?

My deadline for comment is within the next couple of hours -- around 11am.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Thanks!
Callie

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*Callie Patteson
Political Reporter, NY Post*

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